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NEW PRICES FOR CONSULAR SERVICES		
The Department of State has risen the prices of certain consular services. Please take note of the new fee for adding passport pages. Non-immigrant visa prices have also increased. Remember that for U.S. Citizen Services the Consular Section accepts US dollars, Meticaïs and most major credit cards.		
Passport Services:		
First time passport application		\$135
Passport renewal for adult		\$110
Passport renewal for minor		\$105
Replacement for lost or stolen adult passport		\$135
Replacement for lost or stolen minor passport		\$105
Consular Report of Birth Abroad		\$100
Additional Passport Pages		\$82

MOZAMBIQUE RESIDENCY AND TOURIST VISA PRICE CHANGE

Mozambique has considerably increased the prices for both temporary tourist visas and permanent residency cards (DIRE's). The change occurred on July 6, and applies to both first time applicants and renewals.

Tourist visas have increased from \$25 to \$82 and temporary residence permits have increased from 2,000 Meticaïs to 24,000 Meticaïs. Permanent Residency cards have also increased from 2,000 Meticaïs to 30,000 Meticaïs.

Existing visa and DIRE holders will not be charged retroactively. There was no official announcement or publication of the intended increases.

AMERICANS ENJOYING THE FRUITS OF AGOA

The African Growth and Opportunity Act, better known as AGOA, passed by the U.S. Congress in 2000, has fostered economic growth for African countries for a decade and increased commercial exchanges between the United States and various African nations. Along with grants from the Millennium Challenge Corporation and business partnerships stewarded by U.S. Agency for International Development, AGOA has helped African farmers all over the continent access growing markets and attain sustainable success.



But AGOA has also allowed American consumers to discover an array of exotic, healthy and high-end agricultural products. Whether it's Ghanaian chocolate or Malagasy vanilla, Moroccan mint tea or South African sauvignon blanc, African imports are tempting the American palate. Even a fancy French dish, such the timbale d'escargot pictured here, is now often prepared with African giant snails, as several Nigerian companies have begun selling the delicacies to American restaurants and hotels.

A worker carts harvested mushrooms inside the tunnels of the Big Hole Oyster Mushroom Farm in Kimberley, South Africa, August 29, 2002. Mushrooms are being grown in the unused tunnels of the former diamond mine by De Beers as a sustainable development project. Through partnerships steered by AGOA and the MCC, the United States is able to help [African countries transform agricultural practices](#) into more sustainable ones.

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